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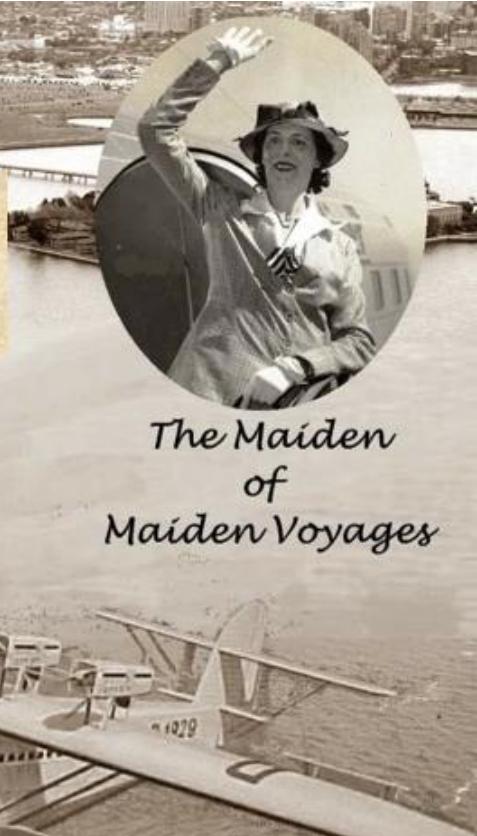
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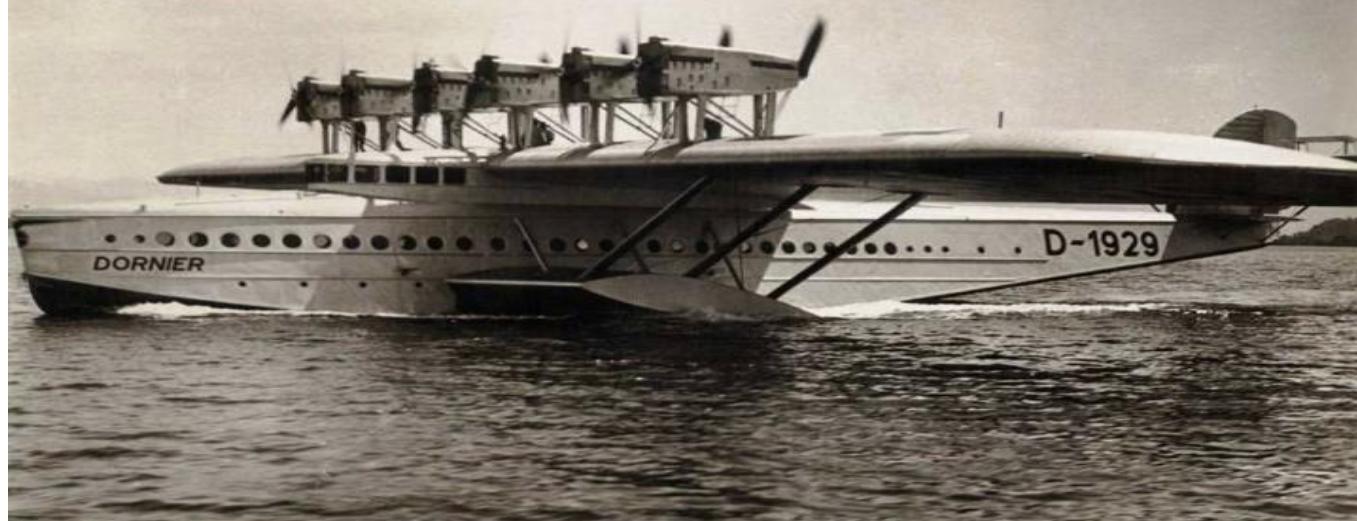
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CLARA ADAMS

She was the only paying woman passenger on the flight of Germany's massive, twelve-engined Dornier DO-X flying boat from Rio de Janeiro to New York, in 1931.



*With best wishes,
Clara Adams*



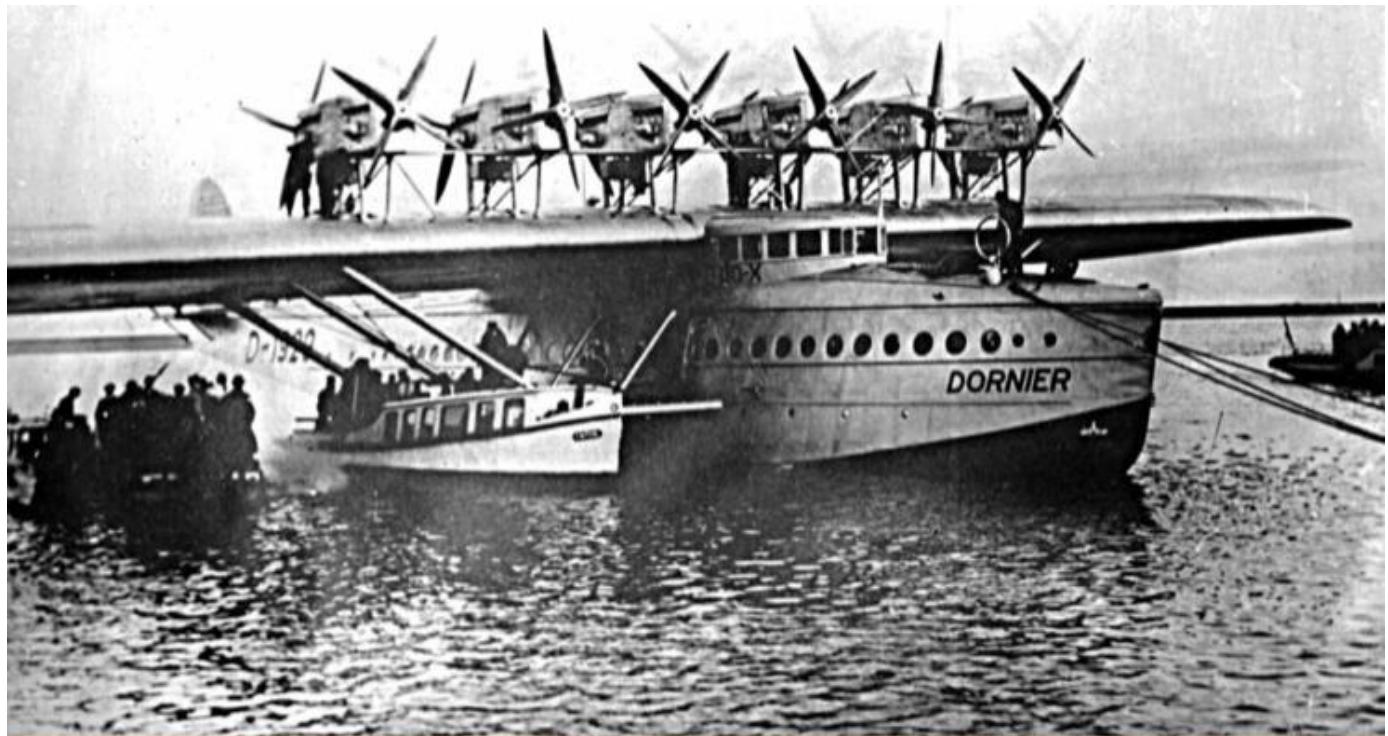
Of the trip, Adams noted: "I could write a good-sized book were I to tell all the wonders that crowded into those six thrilling weeks."

In 1931, Adams boarded a Pan Am Clipper headed from New York to Rio de Janeiro just to become the only woman passenger on the Dornier DO-X on the trip back to New York. The DO-X was an enormous, slow and heavy flying boat that hopped up the South American coast, stopping frequently.



CLARA
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The aircraft was conceived by Dr. Claudius Dornier, starting in 1924, and took seven years to design and another two years to build. .

It was financed by the German Transport Ministry and was manufactured in a specially designed plant at Altenrhein, on the Swiss portion of Lake Constance, in order to circumvent the Treaty of Versailles, which forbade aircraft to be built in Germany after World War I.

On the main deck was a smoking room and wet bar, a dining salon, and seating for the 66 passengers, which could be converted to sleeping berths for night flights. Aft of the passenger spaces was an all-electric galley, lavatories, and cargo hold. The cockpit, nav station, engine and radio rooms were on the upper deck.

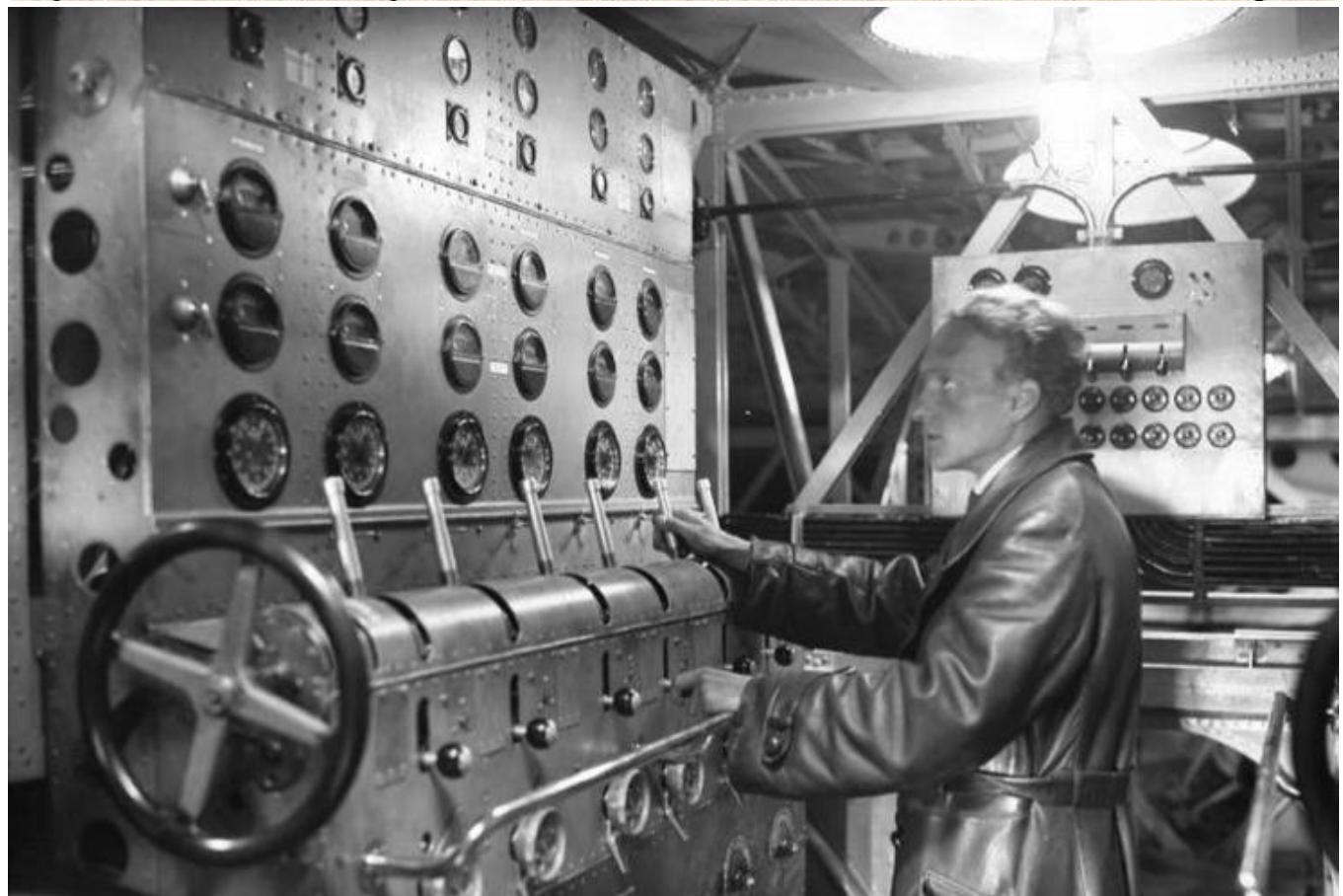


Lady Grace Drummond-Hay and Karl von Wiegand
aboard the Dornier DO-X flyingboat.



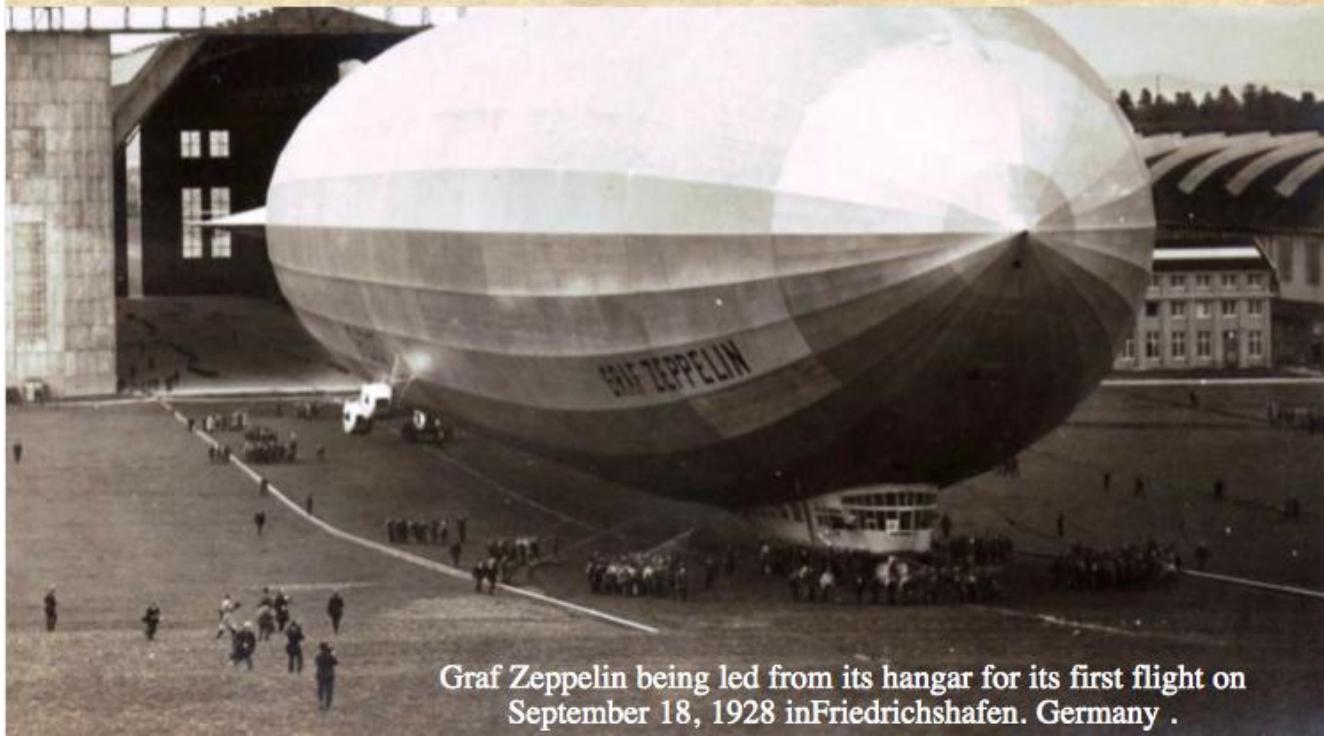


Postcard signed by Clara. During one flight she managed to mail more than six pounds of letters and postcards. She referred to herself as 'Persistent First Flyer.'



The engine control room was on the top level of the DO-X as well as the cockpit, navigation and radio rooms. Cruise speed was a little over 100 mph.

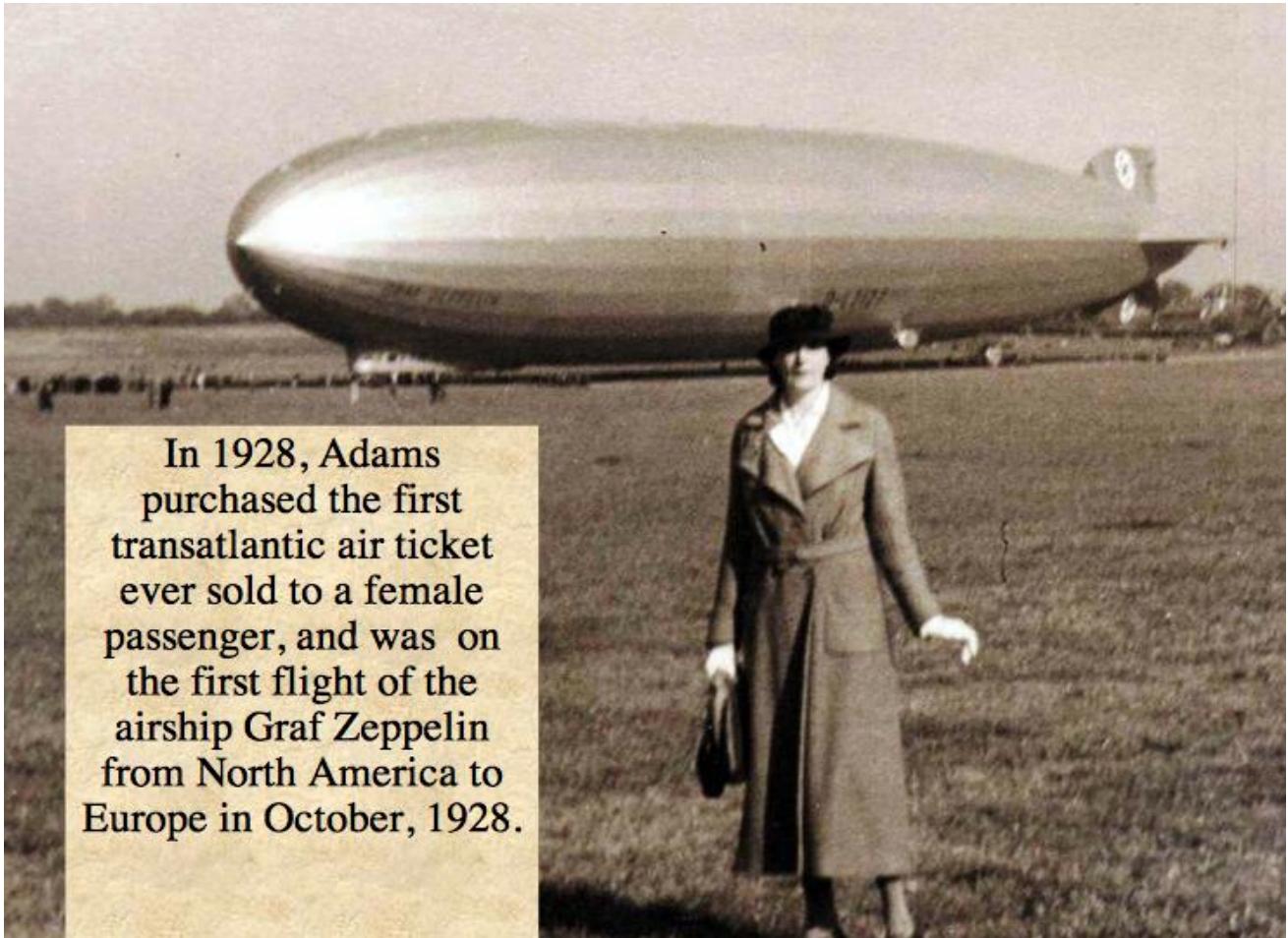
"The most notable flight took place, when in 1928 the Graf Zeppelin made its pioneer round trip- from Europe to the U. S. A. and return. It was my privilege to buy the first ticket ever sold to a feminine passenger to fly across the Atlantic. It cost \$3,000. On this pioneer flight from the U. S. to Europe, there were 64 men and one woman aboard. I was that lone woman. It turned out to be the most hazardous trip ever experienced by the Zeppelin officers and crew even to the present day. 71 hours, the flight lasted." - Clara



Graf Zeppelin being led from its hangar for its first flight on September 18, 1928 in Friedrichshafen, Germany .

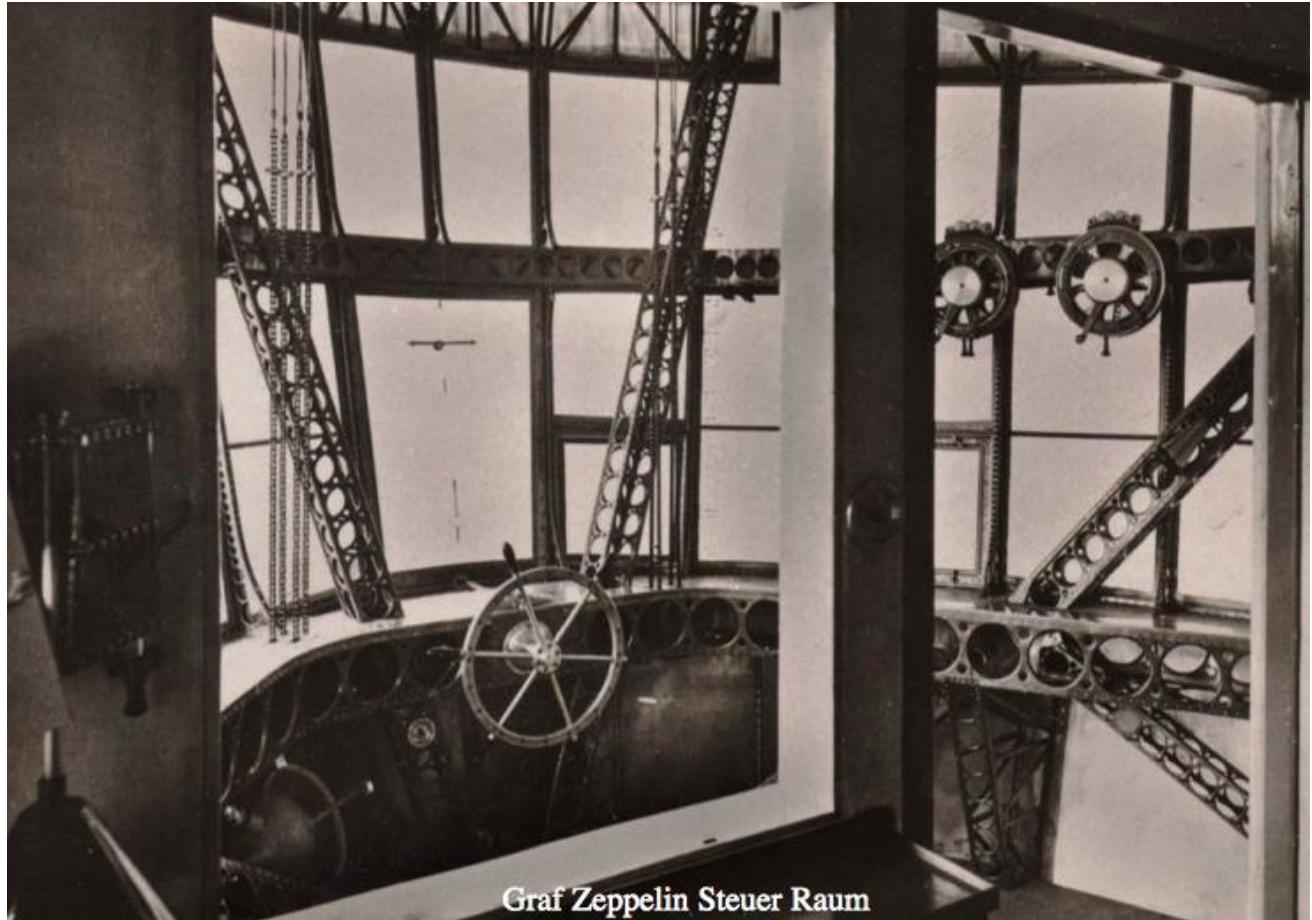
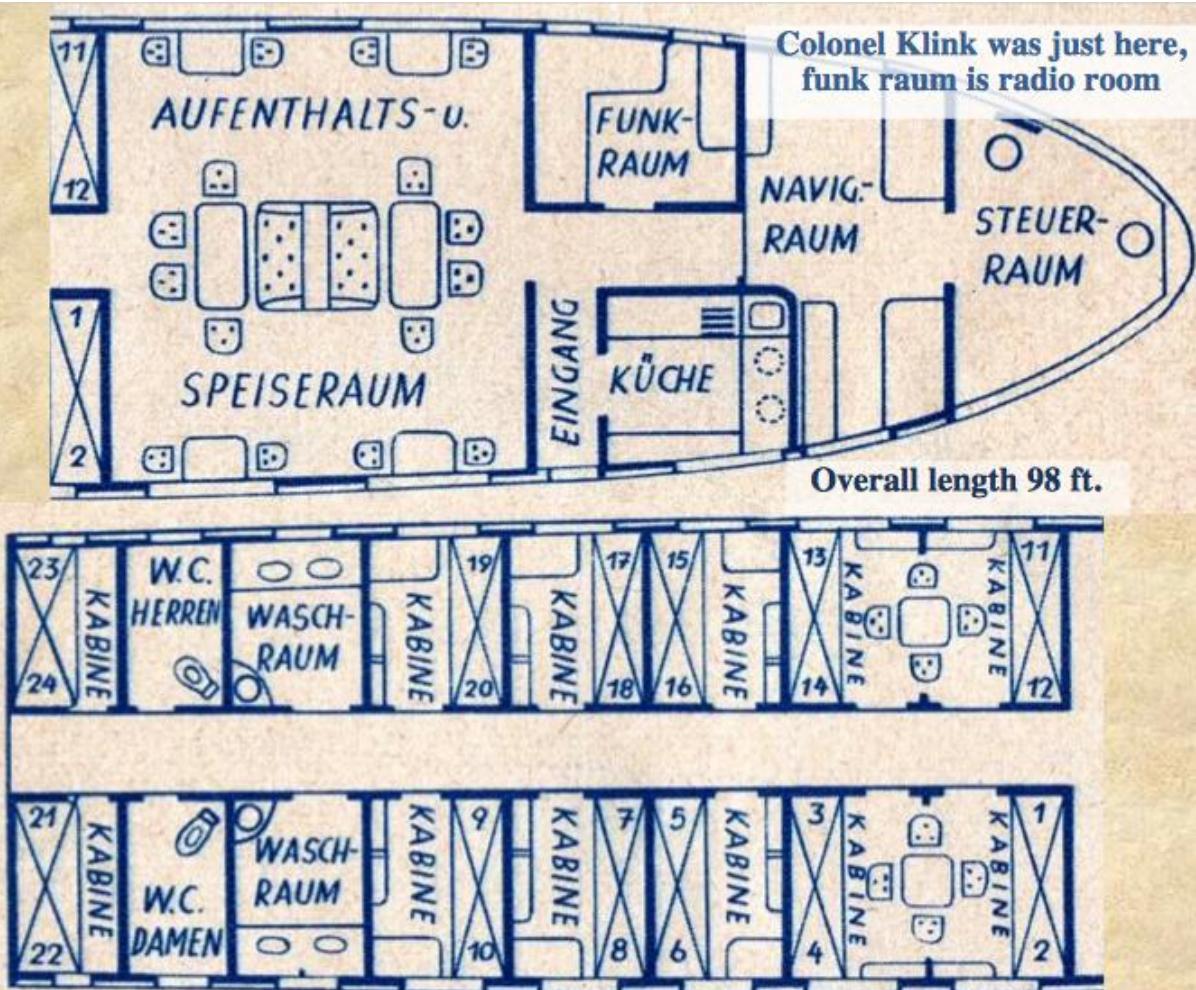


The German built Graf Zeppelin LZ-127 would later become the USS Los Angeles



In 1928, Adams purchased the first transatlantic air ticket ever sold to a female passenger, and was on the first flight of the airship Graf Zeppelin from North America to Europe in October, 1928.





Born in Cincinnati, Adams got hooked on flying after her first experience, in a Thomas flying boat in 1914 at Lake Eustis, Fla.

When she bought a ticket on the Graf Zeppelin, a round-trip fare from the U.S., in 1928 it was the first air ticket sold to a woman passenger to cross the Atlantic.



Clara Adams with Dr. and Mrs. Hugo Eckener in Friedrichshafen, November 3, 1928, after arriving from North America aboard Graf Zeppelin.

"The \$3,000 it cost her to fly round trip on the Graf Zeppelin's pioneer flight was the equivalent of several years' salary for the average person in those days," said Friedman.

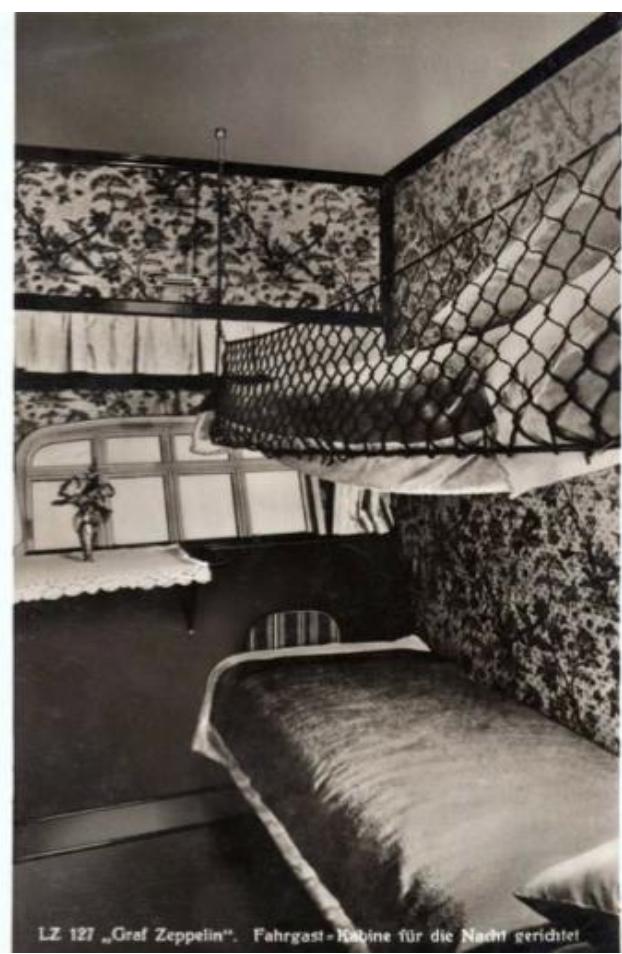
(It would be more than \$136,000 today.)







Clara's
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award

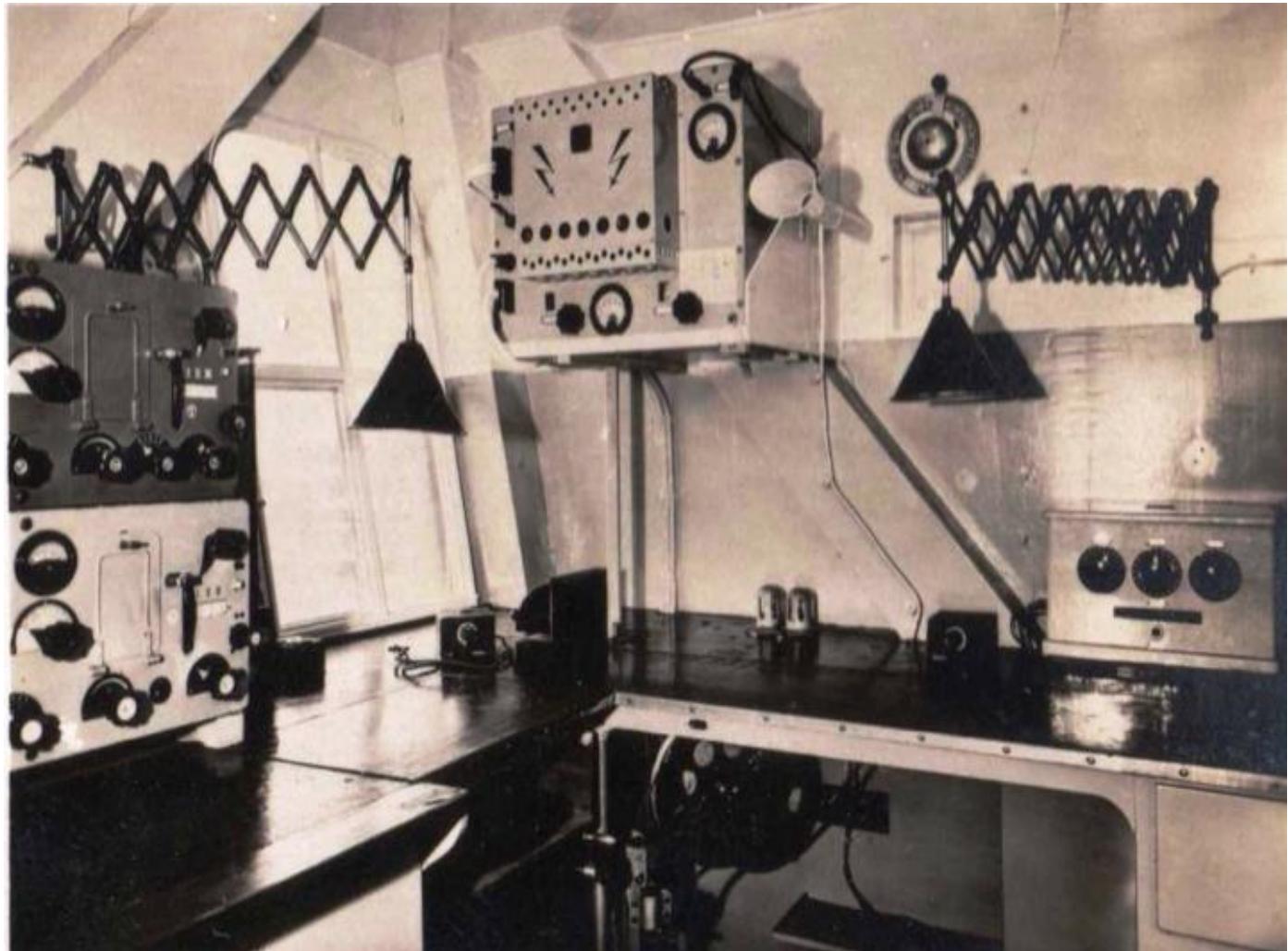


LZ 127 „Graf Zeppelin“. Fahrgast-Kabine für die Nacht gerichtet



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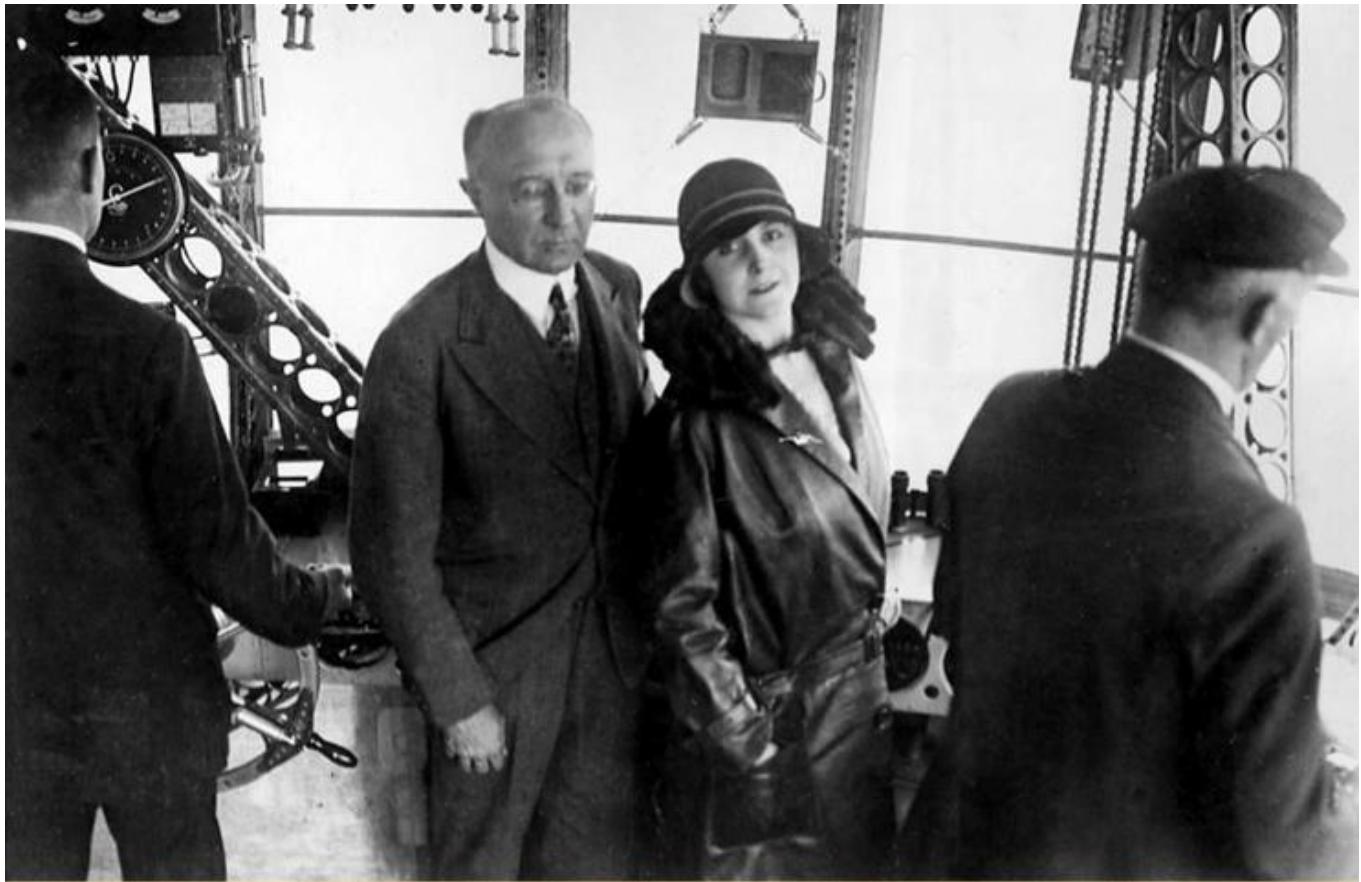




Lady Grace Drummond-Hay, a journalist, was aboard the Graf Zeppelin on the delivery trip to the US.

While the surroundings were luxurious, they were also unheated, and during the winter months, or when the ship flew over the North Atlantic, or during the flight over Siberia as part of the 1929 Round-the-World flight, passengers often spent much of their time wrapped in heavy winter coats or covered by layers of blankets while ice crystals formed on the windows.





Grace Drummond-Hay and Karl von Wiegand in control car of LZ-127 Graf Zeppelin

Clara Adams & Lady Grace Drummond-Hay



As frequent passenger Lady Grace Drummond-Hay described it:

We have a million cubic feet of gas but no heat. . . . Merciless cold driving through the canvas walls of this flying tent. . . . I have visualized myself gracefully draped over a saloon window ledge romantically viewing the moonlit sky.

The men . . . have reminded each other not to forget evening jackets and boiled shirts in their baggage. We have drawn ourselves lovely pictures of dining elegantly in mid-air with Commodore Eckener at the head of a flower-decked table . . . but . . . leather coats, woollies and furs will be our evening dress. Hot soup and steaming stew more welcome than cold caviar and chicken salad.

Clara Adams was on the inaugural flight of the dirigible Hindenburg in 1936.
After the Hindenburg crashed in New Jersey in 1937, Adams wrote to company officials in support and purchased a ticket for a next flight that never took place.



DRUMMOND-HAY COVER FOR THE HINDENBURG HISTORIC FLIGHT
(No street address, no zip code, no state needed. She received it.)

The letter is dated May 8, 1936; the age of the passenger zeppelin ended just a year later, with the Hindenburg disaster of May 6, 1937.

My dear Clara:

I cannot tell you how happy I was to find you on board the Hindenburg as one of the passengers on her first flight from Germany to America. I hope we will meet again as "companions in adventure" when the next Zeppelin is completed, and that once more we will pioneer a path through the air together.

Kindest thoughts always,
your sincere friend,

Grace M Hay Drummond Hay



Luftschiff Hindenburg

to Bell

May 8th 1936.

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"Personally, I think that the amazing variety of trips and flights Clara Adams took are remarkable, considering the pioneer nature of early aviation in the 1920s and 1930s," said Thomas Allen, curator of special collections in the History of Aviation Collection at the University of Texas-Dallas.

UT-Dallas has Clara Adams memorabilia including photos, letters and post cards.

Clara Adams helped change the public perception of aviation from a dangerous enterprise for daredevils in leather helmets to something that could be enjoyed by a little old widow from Pennsylvania.



Her round-the-world flight in 1939 was a very public demonstration of just how far aviation had come in so short a time; Charles Lindbergh had crossed the Atlantic in May, 1927, and just twelve years later it was possible for a woman to buy a ticket to fly around the world on scheduled airlines.

And Clara Adams made sure the world knew it.

Clara always paid her way.

She took photos and bugged aircrew members for their autographs.

She collected boxes and more boxes of the collectible items from the time.

She used her own money to make promotional tours and talks.

An autobiographical record of her travels concludes:

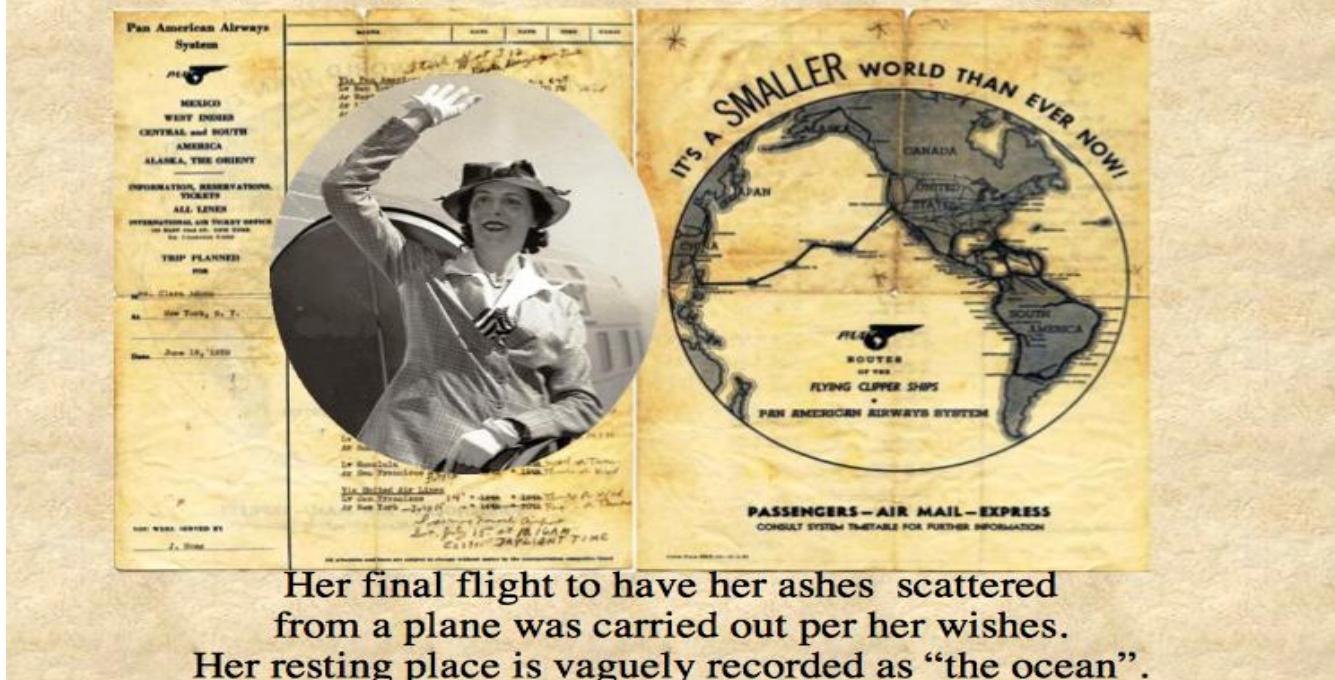
"I want it understood that in what I have written, I am merely stating facts with no intention of boasting."



She was aboard the first flights of many celebrated airships, flying boats, and early airliners, and she became acquainted with many of the famous aviators of the day, including Amelia Earhart. Her friend, Grace Drummond-Hay & Karl von Wiegand were in the Phillipines when the Japanese invaded the islands in 1942, and both were interned in a Japanese camp.



In 1939, Clara Adams became the first woman air passenger to circle the world. It took 16 days, 19 hours, 8 minutes and 10 seconds. Overall, she logged more than 150,000 maiden-voyage miles.



Her final flight to have her ashes scattered from a plane was carried out per her wishes.
Her resting place is vaguely recorded as “the ocean”.

Primary school teaching ‘devalues knowledge’, academic warns

[THE AUSTRALIAN, SEPTEMBER 11, 2014, 12:00AM](#)



Justine Ferrari, National Education Correspondent, Sydney,
[- https://plus.google.com/112579852189597568182](https://plus.google.com/112579852189597568182)

PRIMARY schooling is based on “folklore, dogma, ritual and untested assumptions”, in the view of leading education academic Stephen Dinham, who describes the curriculum as devaluing knowledge in favour of acquiring skills and values.

In a fiery speech to be delivered today, Professor Dinham, president of the Australian College of Educators, calls for a rethink of primary schooling, to develop teaching practice that is based on evidence not fads, and fosters learning rather than engagement.

“It is debatable whether primary education today is more effective overall than it was 50 years ago,” he will say.

Professor Dinham, chair of teacher education at Melbourne University, will tell the ACE conference in Adelaide that the primary curriculum in particular has become “largely content-free”, with content knowledge viewed by many “as counter to the learning process”. Since the 1970s, “learning processes, issues and activities tended to be privileged over knowledge, and formal testing declined”.

Professor Dinham cites the example of an Australian history class he witnessed in which a group of students created an animation of the First Fleet entering Sydney

Harbour in 1788 led by Captain James Cook, who was dead by then.

“Was this error seen as significant? No, because the most important thing was that the students had been engaged in the process,” he says.

“Learning to learn is seen as preferable to learning. Teacher-directed learning is seen as old-fashioned, even harmful, while student activity and choice is championed, regardless of what that activity might entail.”

In an interview with *The Australian*, Professor Dinham emphasised his criticism was of primary schooling and education training, not teachers.

“I have a great deal of sympathy for primary teachers because their role is becoming untenable,” he said.

“Primary teachers have to be expert across all areas of curriculum and they’re in the frontline to deal with society’s problems. If kids come to school hungry, haven’t slept, with emotional and social needs that haven’t been met, schools have to meet those.”

Professor Dinham said the day of the generalist primary teacher was over, and primary schools, particularly in the upper years, should adopt some of the practices of high schools, including specialist teachers for each subject.

As well, primary schools should have paraprofessionals to deal with some of the welfare needs of students.

“Teachers can’t be good counsellors, they can’t be social workers as well,” he said.

In the speech, Professor Dinham argues the need “to question from a basis of firm evidence the foundations for what teachers do in schools”.

"There is a need to reject the pseudoscience and the shiny products people want to sell educators," he says. "There are well-developed protocols prior to the introduction of any new drug or treatment in medicine yet educators readily experiment upon students — a situation where lives are also at stake — with unproven or even disproved methods."

Professor Dinham told *The Australian* that many discredited teaching approaches were still included in official education department documents, such as learning styles, thinking hats, multiple intelligences, "discovery" learning or "learning to learn, where you teach yourself what you don't know".

Professor Dinham said many teachers adopting such methods had an ideological attachment but they could inflict harm on students by categorising them and limiting children's expectations of what they could achieve.

"I've seen schools where kids are categorised according to learning styles," he said. "One of the most damning ones was a school in western Sydney where in the

classrooms were the white middle-class kids using books.

"Out in the playground were the Aboriginal kids passing a football, because everyone knows they're good at sport and kinaesthetic learners."

Another widespread belief was that, with the advent of the internet, teachers no longer had to be the expert at the front of the classroom, "the sage on the stage", but instead should be the "guide by the side", facilitating student learning.

Professor Dinham rejected this belief, saying effective, knowledgeable teachers were needed more than ever to assist students to navigate the mass of material available online.

"We are really suckers for false dichotomies in education, so content knowledge becomes a bad thing," he said. "It becomes either/or."

The Australian College of Educators represents teachers and academics across all education sectors, with more than 5500 members from preschool to university.

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/nationalaffairs/education/primary-school-teaching-devalues-knowledge-academic-warns/story-fn59nlz9-1227054614137>

Australian Human Rights Commission everyone, rights & responsibilities 2014

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The Human Rights Commissioner is conducting a national consultation about how well we currently protect people's rights and freedoms in Australia. The consultation will focus on what each of us can contribute to achieve better protection of rights and freedoms, and to build an understanding of the responsibilities that come with this.

A particular focus of the consultation will be on building a culture of respect for rights and responsibilities among the Australian community. The consultation is interested in learning about initiatives at the local and community level that advance rights and freedoms, and the responsible exercise of these. This might be through developing voluntary codes of conduct and practice, service provision, sporting events or other community-based education activities.

The consultation will focus discussions on some of the key rights and freedoms that have traditionally

underpinned our liberal democracy in Australia. These include:

- ***the right to freedom of opinion and expression**
- ***the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religious worship**
- ***the right to freedom of association**
- ***property rights.**

Rights & Responsibilities

2014 Discussion Paper

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..but don't expect Revisionists to be granted any rights – Tim Wilson is a firm believer in the Holocaust!...

Zimbabwe: Latest - Eric Bloch Laid to Rest

Zimbabwe: [ICAZ Mourns Eric Bloch](#)

FINANCIAL GAZETTE,

THE Institute of Chartered Accountants of Zimbabwe (ICAZ) has mourned the death of Eric Bloch, a renowned financial, management, taxation and economic consultant. A qualified ... [read more »](#)

CELEBRATED economic commentator and former Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe (RBZ) adviser Dr Eric Bloch

25 SEPTEMBER 2014

was laid to rest this morning at the Jewish Cemetery in Bulawayo.

Hundreds of people attended the burial of Dr Bloch. Dr Bloch was buried next to his late wife Baileh Thelma Bloch who passed away in 2011.

Among the mourners were former RBZ Governor Dr Gideon Gono, former senator David Coltart, Bulawayo

Mayor Martin Moyo, economist John Robertson and Dr Simba Makoni.



Eric Bloch laid to rest. Photo: Nehanda Radio

Dr Bloch was encased in a simple kosher casket. Jewish tradition teaches that the deceased should be buried in a simple casket. It should be completely

biodegradable. A kosher casket is made entirely of wood - with no nails whatsoever. Embalming is also not permitted (unless required by law). The reason for this is so that the process of decomposition can take place in a natural fashion.

There was no body viewing because open caskets are not permitted at Jewish funerals.

Dr Bloch died aged 75 on Saturday night. He is survived by three sons, Mark, 48, Raphi, 50, and Barry, 46, and a daughter, Ruth, 43, and 16 grandchildren who live in Israel, the United Kingdom and Australia.

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201409250147.html>

Gazans were slaughtered. The EU has no comment

Posted on 24 September 2014

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZS_0S8tNIDI

Of course, we are aware of the European Union's commitment to the full and effective protection of Human Rights everywhere. After all, The 2012 Nobel Peace Prize was awarded to the European Union(EU) "for over six decades [of contribution] to the advancement of peace and reconciliation, democracy and human rights in Europe".

So, when it comes to the "full and effective protection" of the Human Rights of indigenous peoples, you might wonder, how did the European Union react when, less than two years later, the people of the Occupied Palestinian Territories, which is indigenous to the area, was subjected to arbitrary detention and torture – prohibited by the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights – collective punishment – prohibited by the Third Geneva Convention – and eventually to a downright massacre at the hands of the Israeli armed forces, a blood bath which Israel's PR machine labelled "Operation Protective Edge", in which war crimes were committed by Israel – such as deliberate attacks on schools where displaced residents were sheltering in Gaza – and which violated the right to life of more than 2,100 Palestinian citizens, of which "1,474 are believed to have been civilians, including 501 children and 257 women", according to United Nations figures?

Of course, one can almost hear the objection: "Surely, the United Nations' Human Rights Council does not consider the Human Rights situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territories to fall under the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, but rather under Agenda Item 7, see Resolution S-21/1 and Report A/HRC/27/76". And yes, that is correct: a bureaucratic vermin hiding behind paperwork couldn't have put it better.

So let's have a look at what happened at the United Nations when Resolution S-21/1 was discussed, along with the massacre Israel had inflicted on Gaza. Let's see what happened at A/HRC/27, a session called by the Human Rights Council on the 22nd of September 2014.

Representatives of states from nearly two-thirds of the world took the floor and condemned those atrocities. And, to be sure, delegates from the European Union member states were present in the room, scattered here and there, but guess what? Not one of them said a

word – with the notable exception of Ireland (and one wonder what sanctions are awaiting the Republic of Ireland for daring to break ranks from its masters in Brussels). Because you see, following the lead of the United States of America and – of course – Israel, the Nobel Prize winner European Union, ever obedient to any signal coming from across the pond, decided to boycott the session: evidently, the massacre of more than 500 children was not considered important enough to get its representatives out of bed... or, one must think, they all must have had more important things to do.

So, the next time you hear a spokesperson for the EU announcing their "unwavering commitment" to an end of impunity for war crimes, or giving a passionate speech on the importance of "fulfilling, protecting and promoting Human Rights everywhere", just remember this: on that day, the European Union chose to remain silent.

There is just one question that should be addressed to those who are ostensibly in charge: how do you think posterity and history will judge your behaviour? Because – rest assured – we won't forget. And neither will they.

THOUGHTS ON "GAZANS WERE SLAUGHTERED. THE EU HAS NO COMMENT"

Fredrick Toben on 25 September 2014 at 10:05 said:

This is an excellent example of a failure of moral and intellectual nerve, and it marks the UNTERGANG of a once proud European civilization captured by Talmudic sophistry. Then again, dare one hope that the cause of this cancerous phenomenon will self-destruct, or re-invent itself in a different form?

View what is happening in Israel itself:

>><http://www.timesofisrael.com/in-dramatic-ruling-supreme-court-rejects-israels-policies-on-illegal-migrants/>

In dramatic ruling, High Court rejects Israel's policies on illegal migrants. Interior minister says he 'can't accept' decision which overturns state's handling of African migrants, since 'it would mean the end of Israel as a Jewish, democratic state'...<<